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Worksheet for Analyzing the Logic of an Article

Take an article that you have been assigned to read for class, completing the

"logic" of it using the template below. This template can be modified for

analyzing the logic of a chapter in a textbook or a video.

The Logic of "(name of the article)"

Citation information:

1) The main purpose of this article is .

(State as accurately as possible the author's purpose for writing the article.)

2) The key question that the author is addressing is .

(Figure out the key question in the mind of the author when s/he wrote the article.)

3) The most important information in this article is .

(Figure out the facts, experiences, data the author is using to support her/his

conclusions.)

4) The main inferences/conclusions in this article are .

(Identify the key conclusions the author comes to and presents in the article.)

5) The key concept(s) we need to understand in this article is (are)

By these concepts the author means .

(Figure out the most important ideas you would have to understand in order to

understand the author's line of reasoning.)

6) The main assumption(s) underlying the author's thinking is (are)

(Figure out what the author is taking for granted [that might be questioned).)

7a) If we take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are

(What consequences are likely to follow if people take the author's line of reasoning

seriously?)

7b) If we fail to take this line of reasoning seriously, the implications are

(What consequences are likely to follow if people ignore the author's reasoning?)

8) The main point(s) of view presented in this article is (are) .

(What is the author looking at, and how is s/he seeing it?)

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